

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A medication dispensing card adapted for carrying a medication, said medication dispensing card comprising:
a card-like base formed of an inedible, a relatively rigid, material;
a surface on said base ~~for containing~~ having a medication thereon ~~and which is capable of~~
coated thereon, said medication being solubly removable from said base by a user
upon contact of said medication with a portion of the user's mouth; and
a removable cover disposed over said medication, said cover removable by a user to enable the
user to engage the medication.
2. (Original) The medication dispensing card according to claim 1, wherein said
medication is in powder form and includes a binding agent.
3. (Original) The medication dispensing card according to claim 1, wherein said
medication is in powder form and includes a gelling substance for retaining said medication on
said surface.
4. (Original) The medication dispensing card according to claim 1, wherein said base
includes a shallow recess and said surface is located within said recess, said medication being
applied to said surface.

5. (Currently amended) A personal medication dispensing card having a size and shape similar to those of a credit card and adapted for carrying a personal medication with an individual, said personal medication dispensing card comprising:
a card-like base having a size and shape similar to a credit card and being formed of an inedible, a relatively rigid material, said base having a surface;
a medication applied to said surface of said ~~base~~; and base, said medication being solubly removable from said base by a user upon contact of said medication with a portion of the user's mouth; and
a removable cover disposed over said medication and removably secured to said base, said cover being removable by a user to enable the user to access said medication.
6. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 5, wherein said medication is in powder form and includes a binding agent.
7. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 5, wherein said medication is in powder form and includes a gelling substance for retaining said medication on said surface.
8. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 5, wherein said base includes at least one shallow recess, said medication being disposed in said recess, covering substantially all of said surface.
9. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 5, wherein said cover lies substantially flat on said surface of said base.

10. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 5, wherein said cover is of a pliable material and is disposed on said base in overlying relation with said recess, said cover being adapted to be peeled back from said recess to provide access to said medication.

11. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 5, wherein said cover is adhesively sealed to said base about the periphery of said recess.

12. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 5, wherein said cover is adhesively sealed to said base about the periphery of said base.

13. (Currently amended) A personal medication dispensing card having a size and shape similar to those of a credit card and adapted for carrying a personal medication with an individual, said personal medication dispensing card comprising:
a card-like base having a size and shape similar to those of a credit card and being formed of an inedible, a relatively rigid material, said base having a surface with at least one shallow recess therein;
a medication adhered disposed in said recess on said base; base, said medication being solubly removable from said recess upon contact of said medication with a portion of a user's mouth; and
a removable cover disposed on said base overlying said recess to enclose said medication on said base, said cover being at least partially removable by a user to provide access to said medication in said recess.
14. Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 13, wherein said medication is in powder form and includes a binding agent.
15. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 13, wherein said medication is in powder form and includes a gelling substance for retaining said medication on said surface.
16. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 13, wherein said medication substantially fills said recess.
17. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 13, wherein said base includes a plurality of shallow recesses for containing medication.

18. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 13, wherein said cover lies substantially flat on said surface of said base.

19. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 13, wherein said cover is of a pliable material disposed on said base in overlying relation with said recess, said cover being adapted to be peeled back from said recess.

20. (Original) The personal medication dispensing card according to claim 13, wherein said cover is adhesively sealed to said base about the periphery of said recess.

21. (Currently amended) A The method of delivering a medication, to a user via the saliva and oral tissue of the user, said method comprising the steps of:

providing an inedible, relatively rigid card having a surface thereon,

packaging the coating a medication in a medication dispensing card including applying the medication to a onto said surface of a base of the card; and

applying a removable cover to said card the base to enclose said the medication; on the base;

and dispensing the medication including at least partially removing the cover from the base to expose the medication to a user; and

~~solubly removing the medication from the surface.~~

removing said cover to expose said medication,

contacting said medication with the oral tissue and saliva of the user,

solublizing said medication by said contacting of said medication with the user oral tissue and saliva to separate said medication from said card to deliver said medication into said user, and

removing said card from contact with said oral tissue of the user.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 21, wherein applying the medication to said surface includes the steps of forming a solution of the medication in powder form and a binding agent, applying the solution to said surface, and drying the solution on said surface.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 21, wherein applying the medication to said surface includes the steps of combining the medication in powder form with a gelling agent to form a paste-like substance; and spreading the substance on said surface.

24. (Original) The method according to claim 21, wherein said base includes at least one shallow recess, and wherein applying the medication to the base includes substantially filling the recess with the medication.

25. (Currently amended) A method of using a card surface to deliver a medication to a user of said medication, said method comprising:

providing a card having a surface ~~having applied thereto a medication; and coating comprising a~~
medication for user ingestion,

~~contacting said card surface to remove said medication~~ with the oral tissue and saliva of the
user,

~~solublizing said medication by said contacting of said medication with the user oral tissue and~~
saliva to separate said medication from said card to deliver said medication into said
user.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein said contact further frictionally removes at least a portion of said medication.

27. (Cancelled) The method of claim 25, wherein said contact solubly removes said medication.

28. (Cancelled) The method of claim 27, wherein said medication is removed from said card surface by oral contact.

29. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein said card surface includes a shallow recess for said applied medication.

30. (Original) The method of claim 25, including providing a cover over said applied medication.

31. (Currently amended) A method for achieving a therapeutic effect in a subject, said method comprising
adhering to a surface of an inedible card ~~administering~~ an effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of aspirin, vitamin K, nitroglycerine, an anti-histamine, insulin, sugar, a snake bite antidote, epinephrine, heparin, demetrex, ondansetron, dimenhydrinate, scopolamine, a nicotine replacement medication, histamine H₂-receptor antagonists (systemic), ergot alkaloids, prochlorperazine and combinations of said medications, wherein said administration is by contacting a surface of a card to remove medication applied thereto,
contacting the oral tissue and saliva of the subject with said card surface having said compound thereon, and
allowing the oral tissue and saliva of the subject to remove said compound from said card surface for absorption of said compound by the subject to achieve the therapeutic effect.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein said contact solubly removes said medication from said card surface.

33. (Cancelled) The method of claim 32, wherein said medication is removed by oral contact.

34. (currently amended) A dosage administration article comprising:

an inedible a card having a surface;

a coating on said surface comprising an effective amount of and a medication selected from the group consisting of aspirin, vitamin K, nitroglycerine, an anti-histamine, insulin, sugar, a snake bite antidote, epinephrine, heparin, demetrex, ondansetron, dimenhydrinate, scopolamine, a nicotine replacement medication, histamine H₂-receptor antagonists (systemic), ergot alkaloids, prochlorperazine and combinations of said medications, said ~~medication present in a therapeutic dosage applied to said surface of said card~~ coating being separably soluble from said card surface upon contact of said card surface with the oral tissue and saliva of a user.

35. (Original) The article of claim 34, wherein said medication further includes a pharmaceutically acceptable binder.

36. (Cancelled) A therapeutic formulation comprising a medication selected from the group consisting of aspirin, vitamin K, nitroglycerine, an anti-histamine, insulin, sugar, a snake bite antidote, epinephrine, heparin, demetrex, ~~zofran~~ ondansetron, ~~dramamine~~ dimenhydrinate, scopolamine, a nicotine replacement medication, ~~pepcid~~ histamine H₂-receptor antagonists (systemic), ~~hydergine~~ ergot alkaloids, ~~compazine~~ prochlorperazine and combinations of said medications, said medication applied to a surface of a card surface.